

REMARKS

Summary

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 30, 2006. Claims 47, 81, and 83-85 are amended herein. Claims 51-55, 80, and 82 are cancelled. Claims 47, 49, 50, 56-79, 81 and 83-92 are pending in this application.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 82-84 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 47, 56, 80, 81, and 85 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated Bilhorn (US 3,740,270).

Claims 47, 56, and 80 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Kilduff (US 3,751,301).

Claims 47, 50, and 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Sugikawa (US 5,531,955).

Claim 49 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bilhorn in view of Shirodker (US 3,859,134).

Claims 47, 50 and 56-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Door (4,992,126) in view of Munshi.

These rejections are respectfully traversed in view of the amended claims and the following comments.

Discussion of Amended Claims

Claim 47 is amended to include the subject matter of claim 80 and the allowable subject matter of claim 82. Claims 80 and 82 are cancelled to avoid duplication of claimed subject matter.

Claims 51-55 are cancelled as they contain subject matter that conflicts with or is duplicative of the subject matter of amended claim 47.

Claims 81 and 83-85 are amended to depend from claim 47.

Accordingly, independent claim 47 contains allowable subject matter and is in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner has previously indicated that claims 47-49 and 80-85 are

generic. As amended claim 47 contains the subject matter of claims 80 and 82, claim 47 remains generic. Accordingly, withdrawn claims 59-79 and 86-92 are in condition for allowance.

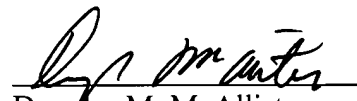
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims 47, 49, 50, 56-79, 81 and 83-92 are in condition for immediate allowance.

Further remarks regarding the asserted relationship between Applicants' claims and the prior art are not deemed necessary, in view of the amended claims and the foregoing discussion. Applicants' silence as to any of the Examiner's comments is not indicative of acquiescence to the stated grounds of rejection.

Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider this application, allow each of the pending claims and to pass this application on to an early issue. If there are any remaining issues that need to be addressed in order to place this application into condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,


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